



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| in re the Application of: |) | Group Art Unit: 1648 |
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| Ledbetter et al. |) | Examiner: Parkin, J. |
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| Serial No.: 09/687,864 |) | Confirmation No.: 1294 |
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| Filed: October 13, 2000 |) | |
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| For: DNA VACCINES |) | |
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

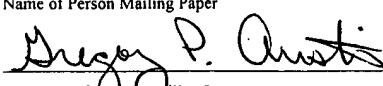
Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2004. A petition for a three (3) month extension of time and authorization to charge the amount due to Deposit Account No. 04-1679 are enclosed herewith, which extends the time for reply to May 17, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 04-1679. Applicants request that the following remarks be entered and considered.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.8A)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.
Date: May 17, 2005

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